REMARKS

After the foregoing amendments, claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, and 18-20 are currently pending in this application. Claims 21, 22, 25 and 31-33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, and 18-20.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, and 18-20 is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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